

ROUND 1 QUOTES
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HEATH SLOCUM (-5)



Q. Well, I guess you kind of needed that one, round, huh?

HEATH SLOCUM: You know what, I needed it more for me than I did anything else. It was really nice to get off to a good start, just show myself that I can still play. It's been a while. It's been not quite the year I wanted, so it was really nice. More than anything, that's what I'm going to take from today. It was something that I think that's going to be, you know, can be a steppingstone, whether it's for tomorrow, this week or for down the road, but it was a big step for me.

Q. What mentality did you bring into today? Were you like just let's go?

HEATH SLOCUM: A little bit. You know, this is possibly my last event of the year. But I'll be honest, I have approached -- I approached today just like I approached all year. I was really just trying to focus on not only staying positive, but just committed to each shot. I think that's where some of the year is. I had gotten in some bad habits and when you're trying to work through those, man, it's just hard to stay committed to what you're doing and to trust that process.

Over the last couple weeks I could see it just getting a little bit easier and a little bit better. And today was -- you know, it was one of those days where I played really solid all day long. Made one bad swing, made a really good bogey out of it. Other than that, I left -- I left a couple out there, but I had some more opportunities that these greens are tricky, so if you don't just hit it perfect, it's hard to make.

Q. It's hard out here, isn't it?

HEATH SLOCUM: It's hard, it is. You've heard people like over the last few days and years like talk about like trying to keep your card on this tour. I mean, these players, it's no joke out here, they're really good. You have to bring your A game pretty much the entire year.

I didn't -- I don't say I didn't expect it, I knew it, I was watching those scores they were shooting on golf courses that I knew and my game just wasn't ready. Hopefully I'm just making a step in the right direction. I know I am. I feel like -- starting to feel like everything's slowing down, hitting my target where I want. Like, man, it's a lot easier to play golf doing that than when you're just out there, you know, struggling with kind of everything.